

Remarks:

Amendment to the Specification

The Cross-Reference to Related Applications has been added to the specification. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Entry of the amendment is requested.

Amendments to the Claims

With the entry of the amendment, claims 1-17 and 28-42 are pending; claims 18-27 are canceled; claims 1-14 and 28-37 are under consideration; and claims 14-17 and 38-42 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1, 8-10, 14, and 17 have been amended and claims 28-42 have been newly added to better define the invention. Support for the claim amendments and for the new claims is found throughout the originally-filed claims and specification. Following is a list of some of the specific instances of support:

Support for claim 1 is found in paragraph [0020] on pages 6-7 of the specification.

Support for claim 8 is found in original claim 8 as well as paragraph [0019] on page 6 of the specification.

Support for claim 28 is found in paragraph [0023] on page 8 of the specification.

Support for claim 29 is found in paragraph [0035] on page 13 of the specification.

Support for claim 30 is found in paragraph [0035] on page 13 of the specification.

Support for claims 31-32 is found in original claims 20-21, paragraph [0009] on page 4 of the specification, and paragraph [0035] on page 13 of the specification.

Support for claim 33 is found in paragraph [0035] on page 13 of the specification.

Support for claims 34-35 is found in paragraph [0022] on pages 7-8 of the specification.

Support for claims 36-38 is found in paragraph [0011] on page 4 and paragraph [0041] on pages 15-16 of the specification.

Support for claims 39-40 is found in paragraph [0009] on pages 3-4 of the specification.

Support for claim 41 is found in paragraph [0010] on page 4 of the specification.

Support for claim 42 is found in original claim 27 and paragraph [0034] on pages 12-13 of the specification.

No new matter is added by the amendments.

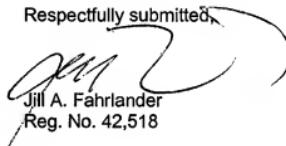
Lack of Unity of Invention/Election

The Examiner asserts that the claims lack unity pursuant to PCT Rule 13.1. In response, Applicant elects Group I, which includes claims 1-13 and newly-added claims 28-37.

Applicant respectfully requests that claims 14-17 and 38-42, which are directed to methods of using the apparatus of claim 1 and are linked to Group I, be rejoined and allowed upon allowance of claim 1.

Any fees due in connection with this filing should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0842.

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